

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 22, except that the range for the titanium metal has been retained as set forth in claim 21. Claim 25 has been amended to insert the subject matter of claim 26, except that the range of the titanium metal has been retained as set forth in claim 25.

It is believed that the rejection of claims 21, 25 and 28 under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Senes et al. in view of Muenger et al. has been overcome by these amendments.

Claims 21 and 25 have been amended to recite "cobalt metal", "titanium metal", "aluminum metal", "potassium metal", "calcium metal" and "magnesium metal".

The amendment suggested by the Examiner on page 4 of the Action have also been made to the claims.

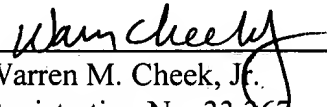
In view of the foregoing, the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as well as the informalities noted by the Examiner in the claims are believed to be overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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